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BAKERSFIELD WOMEN INDICTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT

FRESNO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that a federal grand jury returned a four-count indictment charging JAMMIE NICHOL FIERROS, 25, CONNIE FAY FOX, 57, and PAMELA LARUE McFADDEN, 53, all of Bakersfield, with conspiracy to commit identity theft and aggravated identity theft.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Cullers, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that, between January 1, 2005 and the present, FIERROS, FOX and McFADDEN stole the identity unsuspecting victims and obtained goods valued at over \$20,000.

In addition, each of the defendants is charged with aggravated identity theft, in which it is alleged that they each stole the identity of another and obtained goods and services valued at over \$1,000 over a one-year period.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of conspiracy to commit identity theft is five years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000. The maximum statutory penalty for aggravated identity theft is a mandatory two years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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